

# Women's History Month programs to be featured at Dover, Del.'s John Dickinson Plantation in March 2015

**-Listing of plantation events through August 2015 also  
included-**

(DOVER, Del.—March 4, 2015)—During the upcoming weeks in March 2015, Dover, Del.'s John Dickinson Plantation will present five special programs that explore different aspects of everyday life as it would have been lived during the 18th century when John Dickinson owned the property. In commemoration of Women's History Month, three of these programs, entitled "A Woman's World," will explore women's lives and work at the site. Admission is free for all events listed. For additional information, call 302-739-3277.



Historic-site interpreters

Vertie Lee (left) and Barbara Carrow portray two of the women who lived and worked at the John Dickinson Plantation.

The [John Dickinson Plantation](#) was the boyhood home and country estate of John Dickinson, one of the founding fathers of the United States, signer of the U.S. Constitution and “Penman of the Revolution.” The plantation features Dickinson’s original 1740 brick home, reconstructed farm buildings and a log’d dwelling, surrounded by rich agricultural lands stretching down to the banks of the St. Jones River.

Following is a schedule of plantation events through August 2015. All programs take place at the John Dickinson Plantation, 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover, Del. The property is open Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Times for special programs are indicated. Admission is free for all events listed. For additional information, call 302-739-3277.

### **John Dickinson Plantation special events through August 2015**

#### **Ongoing**

“[Simple Machines](#).” Exhibit demonstrating the six “simple machines”—incline ramp, screw, wedge, pulley, lever and wheel —that constitute the elementary building blocks of which all complicated machines are composed.

#### **Saturday, March 7, 2015**

“**A Woman’s World.**” Explore cloth production and learn how women lived on the plantation. 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.



Museum figure depicting Dinah Patten in the process of spinning flax.

### **Saturday, March 14, 2015**

**"Pi(e) Day at the Plantation."** Celebrate Pi Day by exploring pie recipes from the 1700s and baking pies 18th-century-style. 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

### **Saturdays, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11 and Aug. 8, 2015**

**Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild.** Program explores spinning, weaving, knitting and other fabric arts. 1–3 p.m.

### **Saturday, March 21, 2015**

**"A Woman's World."** Experience the art of water coloring, view family drawings and paint your own watercolor creation while learning how women lived on the plantation. 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

### **Saturday, March 28, 2015**

**"A Woman's World."** Explore the art of paper quilling and learn how women lived on the plantation. 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, April 22, 2015**

**Earth Day at the John Dickinson Plantation.** Explore the plantation's natural beauty, enjoy tours of the colonial-revival garden and create a scented sachet 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

### **Saturday, May 2, 2015**

**Dover Days at the John Dickinson Plantation.** Activities include tours, Colonial games and hearth cooking utilizing 18th-century recipes. Part of the [Dover Days Festival](#).

### **Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2015**

**"Thirsty on Thursdays."** Learn how to make cool 18th-century drinks including switchels, lemonade and tea. 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

### **Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2015**

**"Watercolor Wednesdays."** Explore the hues of the John Dickinson mansion, learn about 18th-century paint colors and

paint a scene.11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

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